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To whom it may concern

This is Robert Davis, pres. of Maine Farmers Exchange in Presque Isle, Maine. We are a dealer of tablestock, seed and processing potatoes. We have been in business since 1958

The organic industry in the US has grown tremendously over the past few years. Americans need to eat healthy has created good demand for organic products. Some of that has come at the expense of commercial growers. With that in mind I would expect my competition to have marketing expenses similar to mine, meaning they should pay their fair share of commodity promotion assessments. Organic produce is not a fledgling industry, but rather a maturing industry, witness the move towards national industry standards.

Thank you,

Bob Davis

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